

1997 Census of Agriculture

State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

VIRGINIA

Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,343,518	29	50
Value of livestock and poultry	1,563,418	23	50
Value of crops including nursery	780,099	33	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	760,221	8	50
Cattle and calves	389,787	22	50
Dairy products	271,855	17	50
Tobacco	187,358	5	21
Nursery and greenhouse crops	166,411	18	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	258,684,455	7	50
Turkeys sold	26,030,650	3	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	6,303,716	16	50
Cattle and calves sold	906,897	23	50
Hogs and pigs sold	710,320	23	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	41,360,070	8	50
All turkeys inventory	8,175,875	5	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,767,755	23	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,639,058	22	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,067,112	16	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	1,189,425	23	50
Soybeans for beans-acres	487,001	21	42
Corn for grain-acres	318,208	24	48
Wheat-acres	257,063	26	46
Corn for silage-acres	143,216	12	49

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	24,956	25,394	-2
\$10,000 or more	16,139	16,828	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,924,690	1,699,051	13
Average per farmdollars..	46,858	40,233	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	364,331	334,280	9
Average per farmdollars..	8,870	7,916	12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	35,824	36,866	-3
Partnership or corporation	5,045	5,113	-1
Other	226	243	-7
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	18,410	19,571	-6
Other	22,685	22,651	0
Operators by sex:			
Male	36,672	37,993	-3
Female	4,423	4,229	5
Operators by race:			
White	39,854	40,838	-2
Black and other races	1,241	1,384	-10
Average age of operator	56.4	55.6	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
 * Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.